through short term courses as well as through formal programmes at the Diploma & M. Tech. level. The number of students trained by these CEDTs is about 340 (as on 31st March, 1991).

Typewriting Test by Subordinate Selection Centre at New Delhi

6767. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the candidates whose typewriters become unserviceable during the course of the typewriting test conducted by the Subordinate Selection Centre at New Delhi were used to be given chance to retake the test in the next batch or so;

(b) if so, the reasons for the discontinuance of this practice now; and

(c) the steps taken to continue the old practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. This facility was allowed from 1984 onwards for candidates appearing in the typewriting test of the Clerk Grade Examination conducted by the Staff Selection Commission.

(b) and (c). This practice was discontinued from 1988 onwards due to the increase in the number of candidates taking the typewriting test and the inherent difficulties in establishing the genuineness of the claims of the candidates that their typewriters went out of order during the test. There is no proposal to resume the practice.

Indian Rare Earth Units in Kerala

6768. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the expansion schemes envisaged for the Indian Rare Earth units in Kerala;

(b) the foreign exchange earned and profit made by the IRE units in Kerala during each of the last three years; and

(c) the safety measures taken in these units against radiation hazards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Indian Rare Earths Limited have plans to set up a facility at their Rare Earths Division at Alwaye to separate Neodymium, Praseodymium and Lanthanum from the Didymium fraction of the Rare Earths. Feasibility of exploiting the mineral deposit in the coastal belt of Kayamkulam in the Neendakara-Kayamkulam is being examined. Further, setting up of a Joint Venture between Indian Rare Earths Limited and Government of Kerala is also being examined to exploit the heavy minerals in the Neendakara-Indo-Norwegian foundation (Block 1 for which mining lease is held by Kerala Minerals and Metals Limited).

(b) Foreign Exchange & Profit earnings of Indian Rare Earths Limited's units in Kerala for the years 1988—89 to 1990—91 are given below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	*Rare Earths Plant at Alwaye*		*Chavara plant*	
	F.E.	*Profit*	*F.E.*	*Profit*
1988—89	7.8	3.0	8.9	11.0
1989—90	2.6	(-) 0.4	16.7	16.0
1990—91 (Provisional)	4.2	(-) 0.3	16.2	20.0

(c) A unit of the Health Physics Division is monitoring the radiological safety status in all the operating plants of Indian Rare Earths Limited. They sent periodic reports to the Safety Review Committee for operating Plants constituted by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board. The safety stipulations of AFRB are enforced scrupulously by inspecting the plants, reviewing the reports and sending appropriate directives. These steps ensure radiological safety in the plants.

[*Translation*]

Allotment of Industrial Plots by D.S.I.D.C.

6769. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation has acquired land for industrial units in villages Moregardh, Shahpur, Narela and Kuraini;

(b) whether the Government have allotted an industrial plot to each displaced farmer;

(c) whether the Government have provided job facility in D.S.I.D.C. to the persons belonging to the family of displaced farmers; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) According to Delhi Administration, land forming parts of villages Bhorgarh, Shahpur Garihi, Kureni and Tigri was acquired by Delhi Administration and placed at the disposal of Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation for development of Industrial Complex.

(b) As per the policy approved by Delhi Administration regarding allotment of plots, in Narela Industrial complex, one member each of displaced family whose lands have been acquired for development of industrial estates is to be compensated through allotment of non-industrial commercial space like kiosks, etc. at reserved prices.

(c) and (d). In view of the reply to Part (b) above, the question does not arise.

Raw material for Paper Industry

6770. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether paper industry has not been utilising its full capacity due to shortage of raw material;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to meet the requirement thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Inadequate supply of raw materials is one of the problems being faced by paper industry.

(b) and (c). On account of National Forest Policy, the supply of forest based raw material is dwindling. Therefore, import of wood pulp and waste paper has been allowed under OGL at low rate of custom duty. Government also encourages the use of agricultural residues, bagasse and other non-conventional raw materials. Paper units based on minimum 75% pulp from bagasse, agricultural residues and other non-conventional raw materials are exempt from licensing as per the new Industrial Policy.

[*English*]

Amendment of Indian Patents Act

6771. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: